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To escape

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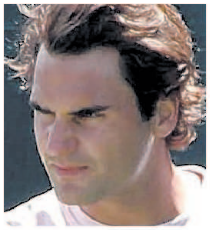

Federer

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture to **dlhernandez@tribune.com**. For Tuesday, we have Nick Kinports. Think he's a ringer for Roger Federer? Text "**nick**" and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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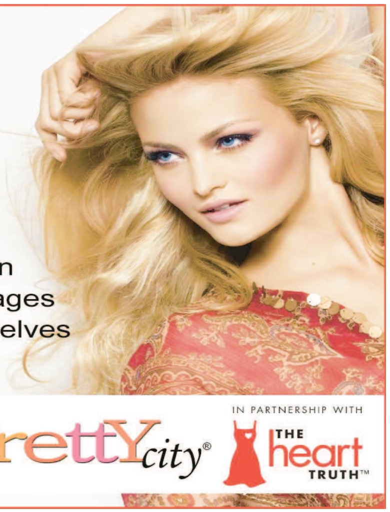

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MAYOR BRINGS WISH LIST OF CITY PROJECTS TO WASHINGTON

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley flew to Washington on Monday to lobby for the economic stimulus package being debated there, and before leaving he revealed some of the Chicago projects that he wants the federal government to help fund.

Unlike many local leaders around the country, Daley has declined to detail his stimulus wish list. But Monday the mayor offered a partial list, saying he is seeking funding to make improvements to:

» 15 miles of transit lines
» More than 200 schools
» 150 miles of main streets
» 200 miles of street lights
» 75 miles of sewer and water mains

Other initiatives Daley said the city would like to pursue with federal aid include expanding broadband access to 22,000 homes and increased tutoring, special education programs and teacher training.

Asked exactly how much money he wants from Washington, Daley said, "We don't know ... Like anything else, you don't want [people] to say, 'Oh, the city of Chicago is taking everything, getting everything.' But we have enough projects to fulfill what they need, and if they take half of them, fine."

Daley's announcement was far less detailed than the lists that other mayors and local politicians released recently in anticipation of new dollars from Washington. Cook County leaders have submitted a six-page, single-spaced list of specific "stimulus project requests," while hundreds of other mayors across the country have generated specific lists that state how many jobs each project would create.

Daley said last week he had a list but would not disclose it "because once you start putting it out publicly ... the media is going to be ripping it apart." On Monday, he again defended his decision.

"These lists are not part of any public funding process," Daley said. "In fact, the federal government will not ask cities and states for a comprehensive list. Rather, once the economic recovery bill becomes law, cities will become eligible to apply for and receive grants."

Daley said he will tell federal lawmakers to put aside political bickering and "immediately" agree on providing funds to recession-hit cities.

Comparing the Senate, House bills

Key differences between the $827 billion Senate version of President Obama's economic recovery plan and the $820 billion version that passed the House last month:

Spending

State aid: The Senate bill has $39 billion in education aid to states. The House measure has $79 billion, including a $25 billion block grant for other programs.

Direct aid to individuals: The Senate devotes $17 billion for one-time $300 payments to Social Security recipients, poor people on Supplemental Security Income and veterans receiving disability and pensions. The House has $4 billion to provide a one-time additional Supplemental Security Income payment to poor elderly and disabled people of $450 for individuals and $630 for married couples.

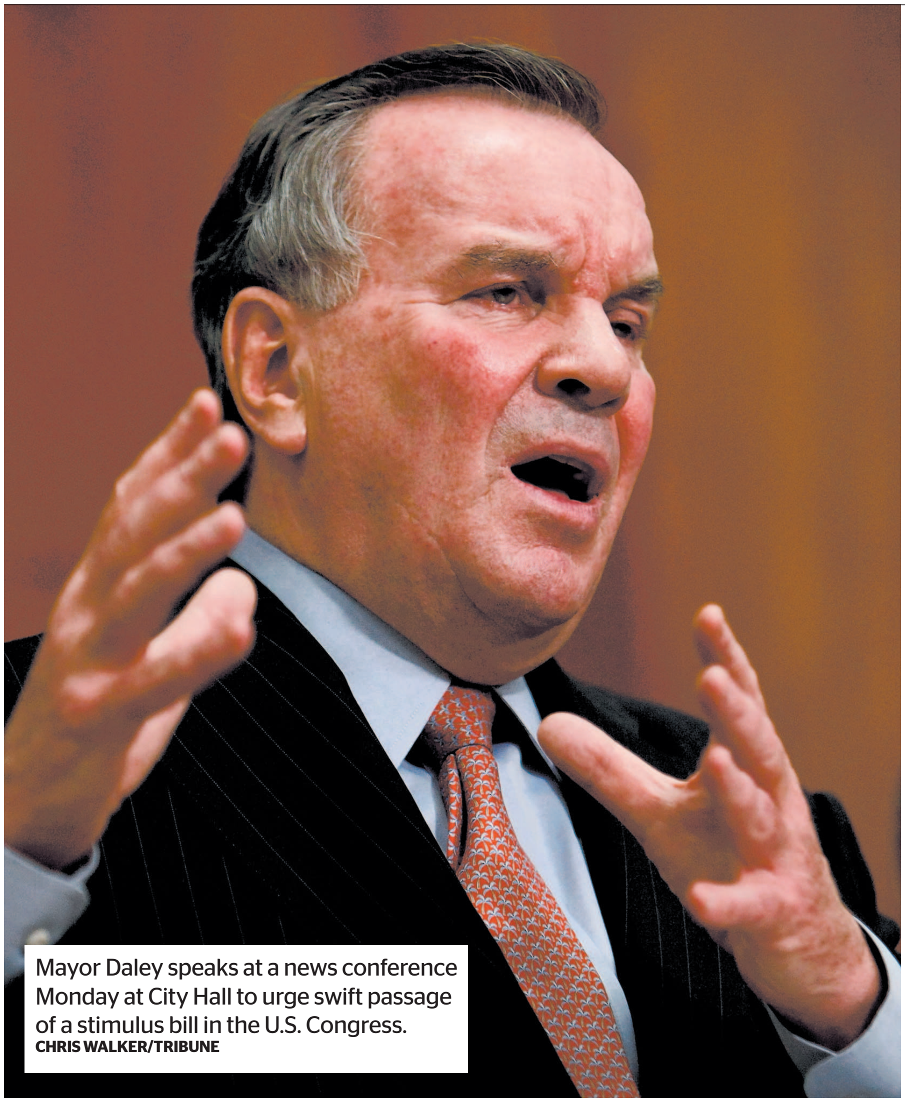
School construction: The House provides $19.5 billion to build and repair school and university facilities. The money was stripped from the Senate bill.

Taxes

Alternative minimum tax: The Senate devotes $70 billion to "patch" the alternative minimum tax, saving more than 20 million taxpayers a 2009 tax increase averaging about $2,000. The House bill does not include that provision.

Home buyer tax credit: The Senate provides $35.5 billion for a $15,000 tax credit for purchasers of homes bought in the year after the bill takes effect. The House includes $2.6 billion and limits its smaller $7,500 credit to first-time home buyers for homes purchased from Jan. 1, 2009, to July 1, 2009, and phases out the credit for couples making more than $150,000.

Car buyer tax deduction: The Senate devotes $11 billion to make interest payments on loans for new cars and automobile sales taxes deductible. The House bill does not. AP



Mayor Daley speaks at a news conference Monday at City Hall to urge swift passage of a stimulus bill in the U.S. Congress.
CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE

Obama: Stimulus vital to avoid 'catastrophe'

Associated Press

President Obama, pressuring lawmakers to urgently approve a massive economic recovery bill, criticized Republicans who have balked at the legislation Monday night and said, "I can't afford to see Congress play the usual political games."

Obama used the first prime-time news conference of his presidency to warn that a failure to act swiftly and boldly "could turn a crisis into a catastrophe."

With the nation falling deeper into a long and painful recession, Obama defended his program against Republican criticism that it is loaded with pork-barrel spending and will not create jobs.

"The plan is not perfect," the president said. "No plan is. I can't tell you for sure that everything in this plan will work exactly as we hope, but I can tell you with complete confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans."

Obama also addressed a variety of other subjects, including Iran. He said his administration is looking for opportunities to engage the longtime adversary in the coming months, but that years of mistrust will be hard to overcome.

He also said his administration is reviewing a policy that bans the media from photographing flag-draped coffins of fallen U.S. soldiers.

Regarding Afghanistan, Obama conceded that it "is going to be difficult," even more so than Iraq.

He even addressed Alex Rodriguez's admission that he used steroids, calling it "depressing news" that tarnishes an entire era in Major League Baseball.

Twitter vote

RedEye's Twitter followers chime in on Obama's news conference:

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Blue Line stop a safety concern

Keep your eyes peeled, riders.

"Going Public" is going train-spotting after hearing about what sound like serious security issues near the Spaulding entrance of the Blue Line's Logan Square stop.

Logan Square rider Mark Hoffman told me he and a female friend were attacked last month around 1 a.m. by two men, at least one of whom allegedly "viciously" pistol-whipped him and his companion even though Hoffman said he immediately gave up his cash. The incident—in addition to similar ones he has heard about from others in his neighborhood—have spurred him to action, Hoffman said.

"My neighbors and I have done our best to get the word out about these attacks," said Hoffman, 33. "Logan Square is too nice of a place to live to have these villains shattering the sense of security, however slight, we once had."

Police confirm a report filed in connection with an alleged armed robbery of a male and female that occurred at the time and on the date Hoffman described, Chicago Police Department Sgt. Antoinette Ursitti said in a statement.

Ursitti declined to provide further details on the ongoing investigation, but said that as of last week a suspect, Artrell Lee, 20, of the 5700 block of West Washington Street, was charged with four counts of armed robbery and an attempted armed robbery on Feb. 5. Some of the robberies for which Lee was charged "occurred on or near Spaulding Avenue," Ursitti said. She said Area 5 detectives continue to investigate the incidents and whether Lee was involved.

I also reached out to the CTA to find out what they are doing in the wake of these incidents. It sounds as if they occurred off CTA property, but surely the agency needs to know about activities affecting rider safety as they enter or exit the premises.

No attacks near the Spaulding entrance had been reported to the CTA, agency spokeswoman Wanda Taylor told me, but assured me the agency took some action after being alerted to the incidents by "Going Public."

"In light of this information, we have informed our security department that activity might be occurring in the surrounding area," Taylor said, adding that riders can report any incidents that occur within the station to **ctahelp@transitchicago.com** or 1-888-YOUR-CTA. Riders also can tell a customer assistant about on-site crimes, Taylor said, though the Spaulding exit—as some riders have pointed out—lacks a customer assistant presence. Taylor noted there is a booth at the Logan Square station main entrance.

If the attacks are happening outside the stop, Taylor advised riders to call police. "Going Public" advises you to do the same, every time. We owe it to ourselves to keep the spotlight on unsavory acts within or along "L" stops.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Comment about crime in or along CTA stations, or weigh in on any other transit issue your heart desires, at **goingpublic@tribune.com**. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we can print your letter.

CORRECTION

A story Monday incorrectly stated that Robert Plant and Alison Krauss won four Grammys on Sunday. The pair won five awards for "Raising Sand," including record and album of the year honors.

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Woman wants closure over baggage

As Shannon Tadel waited in the Syracuse, N.Y., airport for her flight back to Chicago on Dec. 1, a United Airlines employee approached her and asked if he could speak to her privately.

"He said, 'Your luggage has been set on fire,'" Tadel recounted later. "I kind of chuckled at him because it was so unbelievable. I was like, 'Um, OK.'"

The employee explained that her bag, containing most of her wardrobe, had been placed too close to the exhaust of a belt loader used to deliver bags to the cargo hold. Someone turned on the equipment and, voila, luggage flambe.

A dumbfounded Tadel boarded the plane, not quite sure what to do. Moments later, the pilot summoned her to the cockpit.

The pilot told Tadel her smoldering luggage would not be allowed on the plane. She nodded in agreement.

The pilot went down and fished her medicine out of the smoking bag. When she returned to her economy seat, an apologetic crew member upgraded her to first class.

For more than two months, Tadel said, that was United's last act of kindness.

On Jan. 29, she e-mailed the Tribune's problem solver What's Your Problem?

"I have sent numerous e-mails, called several different numbers ... sat on the phone for hours hoping someone can help me," said Tadel, 25. Tadel said she wanted closure.

The Problem Solver called United Airlines spokeswoman Robin Urbanski on Jan. 30.

Four days later, a United customer service representative called Tadel and told her the airline was going to dry clean the clothing that survived the fire, then get back to her about the final resolution.

The next day, someone from the airline called again and offered to cut her a check for $3,000.

An elated Tadel accepted.

Urbanski called the situation uncommon.

"It is extremely rare, and we will continue to remind our employees to be careful where they place bags on the ramp," Urbanski said.

At Union Station on Monday, Metra unveiled a new advertising campaign from the Illinois Department of Tourism featuring the likenesses of four presidents that have ties to the state. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

Hail to the Metra car?

Metra trains always have been an advertising-free zone, where riders have been spared the signs plastered on CTA buses and trains. But that may soon end if an ad featuring four U.S. presidents with Illinois roots proves a success.

On Monday, the commuter rail agency rolled out a coach "wrapped" in an ad for the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.

Made of vinyl plastic stuck to the outside of the car, it features the likenesses of Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Ronald Reagan and that new guy in the White House, Barack Obama.

The come-on is, "Follow their path. The presidential trails of Illinois." Over the next four weeks, Metra will test the car on several lines, a trial run to gauge reaction and see how the vinyl stands up to the weather.

If the approach works, ads on the trains could generate some big bucks for the agency. Advertising is the CTA's single-largest revenue generator aside from fares, producing tens of millions of dollars a year.

Not wanting to miss out on any gravy train, the rail line is "exploring all opportunities to boost our non-fare income," said Metra Executive Director Phil Pagano.

If presidents on trains prove popular, will carpeting pitchmen be next to get on board?

O'Hare delays worst in the nation

Chicago's air travelers endured the worst delays in the nation during December, new data show. O'Hare reported the worst performance for on-time departures among major U.S. airports for December and calendar year 2008. Just 55 percent of O'Hare flights departed on-time during December. Midway tallied the second-worst departure record during December, with 58 percent of its flights leaving as scheduled.

U. of C. announces 450 layoffs

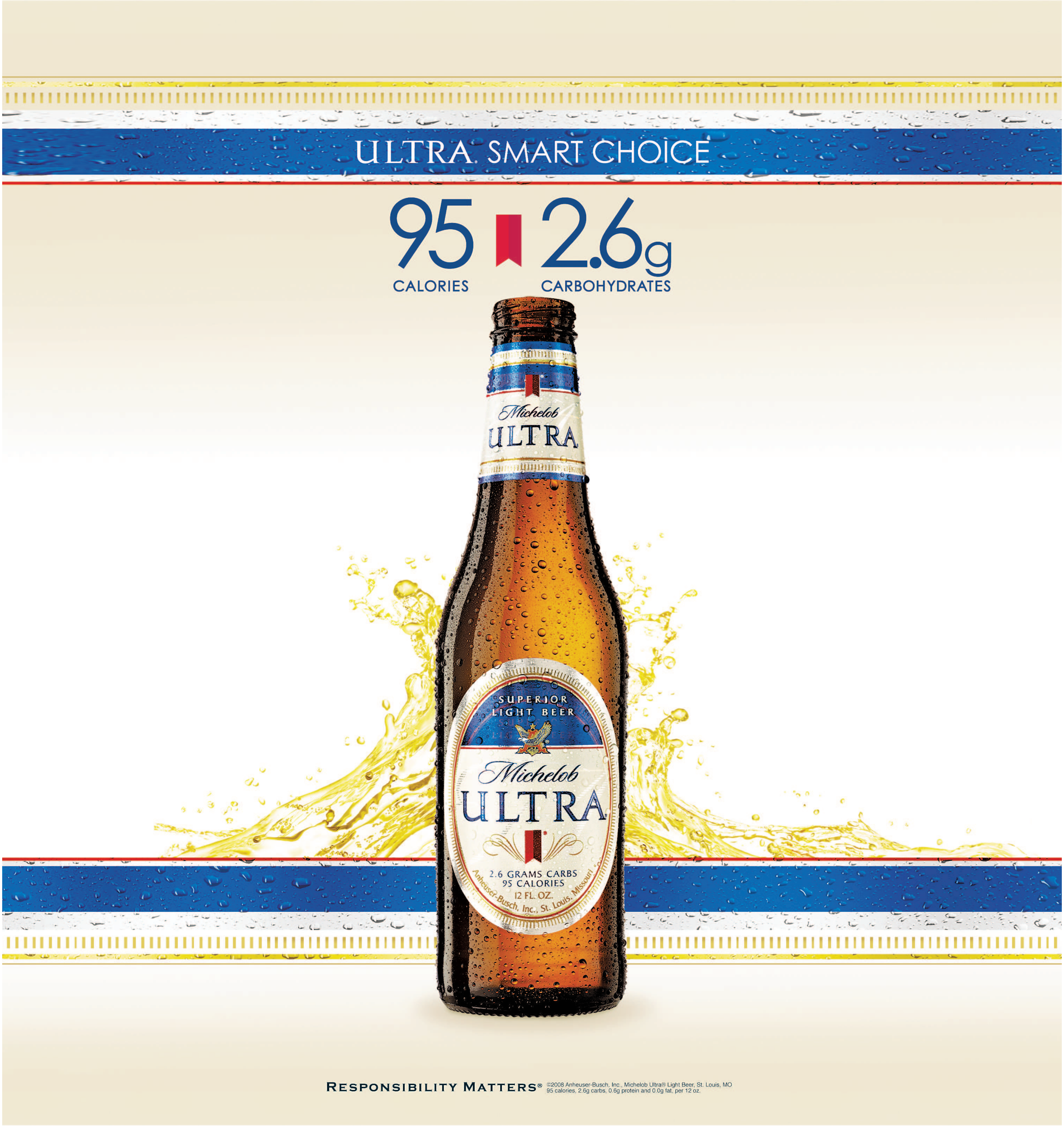
The University of Chicago Medical Center on Monday morning confirmed plans for a major restructuring in which it would eliminate 450 jobs, officials said at a news conference. Hundreds more jobs will be lost through attrition. The medical center last month also confirmed a massive restructuring that will trim $100 million in expenses, or nearly 7 percent of its annual budget, amid the economic downturn and unpaid bills owed the hospital from the state Medicaid program.

Body found was gunshot victim

An unidentified man believed to be in his 50s whose body was found Saturday in the trunk of a vehicle in a city-owned auto pound on the Far South Side was slain by gunfire, officials said Monday. The body was found about 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the lot at 10300 S. Doty Ave. in Pullman, said Chicago Police Officer John Henry.

Man dies after car accident

A 26-year-old man died Monday, a day after the car he was driving hit a CTA bus at a Southwest Side intersection, according to Chicago police. The victim, whom officials identified as Waclaw Trojanowicz, was in his 2004 Acura when, according to witnesses, his car traveled "at a high rate of speed, went through a red light and [struck the bus] at Pulaski Road and Archer Avenue about 5:10 a.m. Sunday, police said.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1 Peanut butter fallout

Shoppers are leaving jarred peanut butter off their grocery lists, even though familiar brands have not been affected by the salmonella outbreak. To fight back, the makers of Jif and Peter Pan have countered with a costly advertising campaign to reassure customers.

2 Octuplets mom speaks

The mother who gave birth to octuplets acknowledged on NBC's "Today" show Monday that she was "fixated" on having children but said she never expected to have more than twins in her latest pregnancy. Nadya Suleman had four single births and one set of twins through in-vitro fertilization before her history-making pregnancy.

3 5 dead in bombing

A suicide car bomber struck a U.S. patrol in Iraq on Monday, killing four American soldiers and an interpreter in the northern city of Mosul, the military said. It was the deadliest single attack against U.S. forces in more than nine months.

4 Madoff settlement in works

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday announced an agreement with disgraced money manager Bernard Madoff that could eventually force him to pay a civil fine and return money raised from investors. The partial judgment must be approved by the judge overseeing the case in federal court in Manhattan.

5 Right-to-die debate

The woman at the heart of a bitter right-to-die debate died Monday, just as lawmakers in Italy began debating a bill designed to keep her alive, news reports said. Eluana Englaro, 38, had been in a vegetative state since she was in a car accident 17 years ago.

6 More airstrikes in Gaza

Israeli aircraft struck two targets in the Gaza Strip and a militant died in a clash with troops on the border Monday. The violence came while Egyptian mediators continued their effort to cement a long-term cease-fire between Hamas and Israel.

7 Hotel project catches fire

The burning shell of an unfinished, 44-story luxury hotel lit the night sky over downtown Beijing on Monday after being showered with sparks from fireworks set off during China's biggest holiday. Monday was the final day for fireworks, marking the first full moon since the Lunar New Year.

Starbucks unveils $3.95 breakfast

8 NEW YORK The Starbucks value meal is no longer a complete mystery.

Trying to refashion its image as a more recession-friendly coffeehouse, Starbucks offered more details Monday on the breakfast "pairings" it will sell beginning March 3.

Value-meal type options will be offered for $3.95 each in its U.S. company-owned stores. Customers can order a tall latte and an oatmeal or a slice of reduced-fat cinnamon swirl coffee cake. Drip coffee drinkers can get a tall brewed coffee with a breakfast sandwich at the same price.

BREAKFAST BATTLE
Starbucks has had to make room for a new lower-priced competitor in the specialty-coffee industry since McDonald's introduced espresso-based coffee drinks in its U.S. stores.

Starbucks said it also will launch two new breakfast sandwiches—a bacon sandwich with egg and gouda cheese and a ham sandwich made with egg and cheddar.

Regular prices for the drinks and food items vary depending on the location of the store but a tall latte and an oatmeal can cost as much as $5. Starbucks said the pairings will provide customers with an average savings of as much as $1.20.

9 KINGLAKE, Australia A fire truck Sunday drives past a destroyed church. Towering flames razed entire towns in southeastern Australia and burned fleeing residents in their cars, making it the country's deadliest fire disaster. At least 700 homes were destroyed in the inferno. AP

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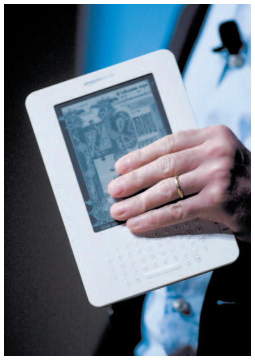

Amazon's Kindle book reader has slimmed down, but its price remains hefty. Still, Amazon touted several upgrades to the e-book reader and a novella from Stephen King that will be available exclusively for the device.

The Kindle 2 is expected to begin shipping Feb. 24, with owners of the first Kindle at the front of the line if they want to upgrade. It will be able to read text aloud from two small speakers on the back, and it can store 1,500 books, instead of 200.

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'I WAS STUPID'

ALEX RODRIGUEZ ADMITS USING STEROIDS FOR THREE YEARS

Alex Rodriguez is interviewed Monday by ESPN's Peter Gammons. ESPN

Associated Press

NEW YORK Alex Rodriguez, the player who would restore integrity to baseball's home-run record, admitted Monday to using performance-enhancing drugs himself.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, $252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know—and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

WHAT DIDN'T HE SAY?

A-Rod's interview left open many questions.

» From whom did Rodriguez obtain steroids?
» How did he pay for them?
» Did anyone help him to obtain them?

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

"When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me, and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself."

The 33-year-old Rodriguez ranks 12th on the career list with 553 homers, including 52, 57 and 47 in his three seasons with the Rangers. He is 209 behind Barry Bonds' record 762.

SI.com reported Rodriguez tested positive for Primobolan and testosterone.

Monday's ESPN interview contradicted a December 2007 interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," when Rodriguez said "No" when asked if he had ever used steroids, human growth hormone or any other performance-enhancing substance.

In his 2008 book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Jose Canseco claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer.

"They are looking in the wrong places," Canseco said in a text message to The Associated Press. "This is a 25-year cover-up. The true criminals are Gene Orza, (union head) Donald Fehr and (commissioner) Bud (Selig). Investigate them, and you will have all the answers."

BACK TALK

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Is all of baseball in question after A-Rod's admissions? Who's next to admit to using steroids? Please e-mail us your thoughts to **redeyesports@tribune.com**. Or you can text "**whiz**" followed by your comments to **47383**. Remember to include your full name, age and neighborhood.

Bonds AP

FEDERAL OFFICIALS WANT TO SHOW JURY BONDS' TEST RESULTS

SAN FRANCISCO Federal prosecutors are again asking a judge to let them show a jury three drug test results they say show Barry Bonds used steroids.

The judge said last week she was inclined to throw out those results unless someone could directly testify to collecting the slugger's urine samples. The likeliest candidate to be able to do so is Bonds' former trainer, Greg Anderson. A lawyer for Anderson has said his client won't testify at Bonds' upcoming trial.

In a court filing Monday, prosecutors included snippets of Bonds' grand jury testimony saying Anderson collected the samples. It also included testimony from a former BALCO executive saying Anderson dropped off urine samples labeled with Bonds' name.

Bonds is charged with lying to a grand jury about alleged steroid use. AP

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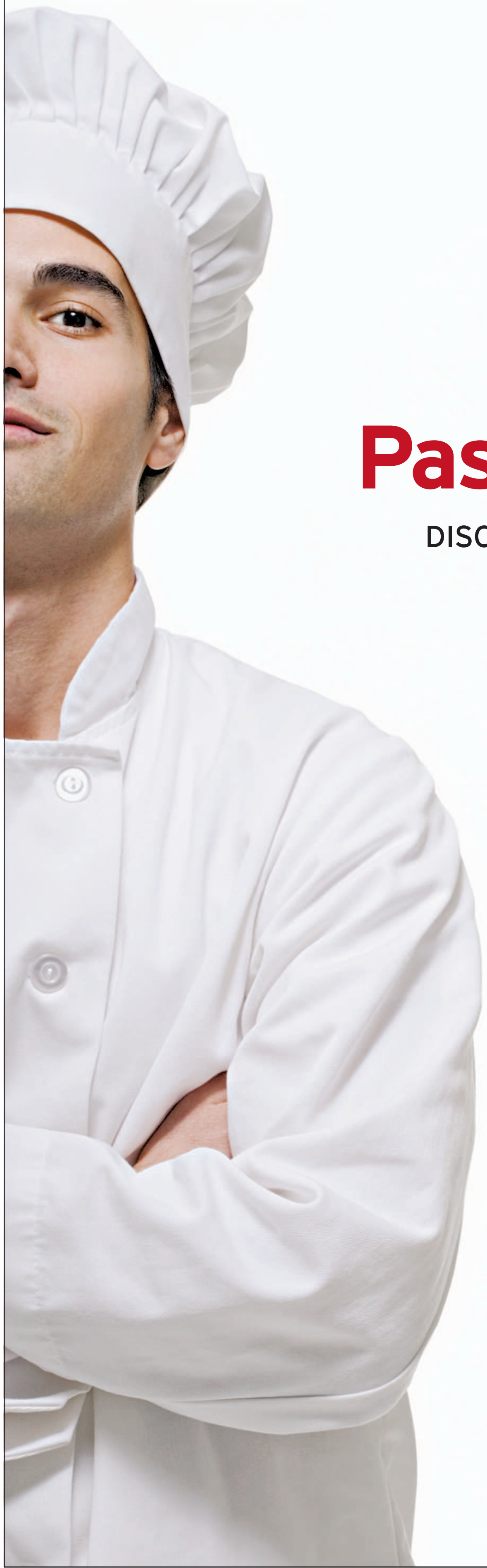

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1 The new-look Pistons with Allen Iverson are in town. What do you think of them?	He hasn't won an NBA title, and he won't now.	It's the first time "hope" has emanated from Detroit.	Worse than the old-look Pistons, which is like saying Mickey Rourke has lost his boyish charm.	Nothing I have to say about the Pistons is printable.	My pistons aren't firing. All show, nothing else. **@phantomtweeter**
2 What's one of your memories of the classic Pistons-Bulls rivalry of the '90s?	Correction: The '80s. The Pistons were pretty much done in the '90s.	At 8, "Pis-ton" and "Bull-s" were curse words. Now it's "FSU" and "Cubs World Series."	Bill Laimbeer's Chewbacca-esque underarm hair.	My pacifist father scared of the violent invective his 8-year-old kid was hurling at Bill Laimbeer.	When the Bulls actually won games. **@Outsanity**
3 What's the first order of business for the Cubs and White Sox in Spring Training?	Make vacation plans for mid-October.	Showing up. For those two teams, that's half the battle, right?	Drawing straws to see who'll lead the team in "strikeouts with two runners on" this year.	If cursing offends anyone's ears, buy earplugs before listening to the managers.	Ozzie and Lou should watch out for RBIs (really bad innings) and complain only when necessary. **@salaminizer1975**
4 What's worse: Using steroids during competition or marijuana outside of competition?	Neither. Strong and slow wins the race.	Steroids. I'd rather deal with Bail Bonds than Barry Bonds.	Injecting marijuana. Anytime.	The only abuse that will turn me off to an athlete is the domestic kind.	Roids. Marijuana won't turn you into an asterisk ... yet **@dave_coughlin**
5 What are Speedweeks?	It's the name college students have for when they take finals.	Mama Greenfield's short pregnancy. No one should be attached to Jimmy for that long.	A coping mechanism my Washington Wizards are using to get through this season.	Ask A-Rod.	That's when Chicago's Finest make their ticket quota. **@CCGamers**

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Readers dive into Phelps controversy

Shannon J. Owens' column Thursday about the Michael Phelps controversy had RedEye readers talking. Here's what some of them had to say.

Phelps
AP

I think Shannon's assessment about Michael Phelps is right on the money. I have had the same thoughts about the double standard for the "golden boy." Did he not sing this same tune about driving intoxicated and of course for him it's OK, "he's a kid." Who is America kidding? He's a white kid, that's all. *—P. Denise Little, Chatham*

You are absolutely correct. Illegal is illegal, no matter who committed the act. We should be held accountable for the choices we make (grown ups!). It should not matter who it is ... wrong is wrong? Why are people looking at Phelps differently than Vick? Yes, I think race does matter. *—Dana D., south suburbs*

I always enjoy your articles. And the election of President Obama will not eliminate and is not evidence that racism is gone; unfortunately, it never will be. Yet I think you mix apples with oranges in your column about the treatment of Phelps. Frankly, I didn't even know that Vick tested positive for marijuana; he is hated because of the dog fighting (charges and then conviction). It was simply considered to be heinous. The media is certainly all over Phelps. A better comparison would have been to see whether Vick lost his endorsements after the positive drug test (but before the dog fighting charges—if it happened in that order or another athlete with similar circumstances and endorsements). Aren't both Bonds and Big Mac both targets of the press for their "records." The only reason Bonds gets more coverage is because 1) he allegedly lied to the grand jury and 2) he owns the record. Outside St. Louis, Big Mac has few fans. Well, that and he and the press have never had a love affair. *—Shimon Kahan, Lincoln Park*

WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW

PETA stages KKK-themed protest

NEW YORK "Is this really the KKK?" somebody asked the woman in the white robe and the pointy hat.

Crowds gawked Monday at a table set up outside Madison Square Garden, where People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was protesting the start of the Westminster Kennel Club show.

PETA contends that the American Kennel Club promotes pure breeding of dogs that is harmful to their health.

"Welcome AKC Members," read a banner hanging from the table—with AKC crossed out and KKK written above it. Two PETA protesters dressed as Ku Klux Klan members, while other volunteers handed out brochures that read: "The KKK and the AKC: BFF?"

"Obviously it's an uncomfortable comparison," PETA spokesman Michael McGraw said. But the AKC is trying to create a "master race."

David Frei, spokesman for Westminster and TV host USA Network, said: "I can't speak for everyone, but the vast majority of the people exhibiting and handling and showing at Westminster are more interested in the health of dogs than anything else."

HOMETOWN HITS

For the first time since the first day of training camp, all 14 Bulls practiced. Michael Ruffin has been sidelined all season after spraining his ankle and developing Achilles' problems. Drew Gooden has missed nine straight games with groin and abdominal problems.

The Rush's loss is the Slaughter's gain. The Slaughter announced Monday it had signed LB/WR Dejuan Alfonzo, formerly with the Rush. He was a fan favorite with the Rush after spending seven seasons with the team. "Having Dejuan on the squad is a great addition for our team," said Alan Perkins, general manager of the Chicago Slaughter.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

» DePaul vs. Seton Hall, 8 p.m. ESPNU
» University of Illinois-Chicago vs. Detroit, 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

» Eastern Illinois 53, Murray St. 59
» Chicago St. 112, Houston Baptist 108

NFL

Big Ben: Broken rib?

The Pittsburgh Steelers have no knowledge that Ben Roethlisberger played the Super Bowl with two broken ribs, as the quarterback told **si.com**. Roethlisberger said his fractured ribs did not show up on X-rays taken before he led the Steelers to a 27-23 win over Arizona on Feb. 1, but were revealed during an MRI test last week.

INDYCAR

Luyendyk Jr. drives into booth

Arie Luyendyk Jr. is moving to the broadcast booth while he continues looking for a ride in the IndyCar Series. The 27-year-old son of the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner will join veteran broadcasters Mike King and Kevin Lee as a television analyst for the Firestone Indy Lights Series.

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If I ever were to get busted for canine growth hormone or performance enhancing drugs, I'd just own up to it. It'd be clear I was using, right? I mean, who could write prose such as this without some sort of inhuman—er, incanine?—assistance? On second thought, don't answer that. Here now, my TV picks.

NBA

BULLS VS. DETROIT
7:30 P.M. CSN
It isn't the rivalry it once was, but it's sure to be a tough, sharpen-those-elbows game.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LOYOLA VS. WRIGHT ST.
7 P.M. LAKESHORE PUBLIC TELEVISION
Loyola tries to stop a four-game losing streak the Wright way. OK, that was lame.

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Faith & Whiskey

FACEOFF

Rock on!

How does a rock-inspired bar stack up against a bar that literally rocks?

By Lisa Arnett

You could stay up all night debating the merits of rock bands (Who rocks more, AC/DC or Metallica?) and get absolutely nowhere. A battle between rock bars, however, is a clash that can be won.

After three weekends of warming up, Lincoln Park spot Faith & Whiskey is set for a Friday grand opening. The Whistler, a music-heavy Logan Square spot, became a fast favorite after opening this past fall. We can't help but ask the obvious question: Who really rocks?

The Whistler
2421 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-3530

Faith & Whiskey
1365 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-248-9119

Tunes

The Whistler: Live music? Yes. Several nights a week, from garage rock to jazz covers of Nirvana to improv jams bringing together a dozen musicians from different bands.

Faith & Whiskey: Live music? No. The perpetually upbeat soundtrack kept us bobbing our heads, even though songs such as Toto's "Africa" and Everclear's "Everything to Everyone" aren't the first to come to mind when we think of rock.

Advantage: The Whistler. Not just because live music almost always trumps canned, but because playing pre-recorded rock music at a bar is hardly a novel concept.

Crowd

The Whistler: You're most likely to spot actual musicians from the local scene in this crowd of Urban Outfitters model look-alikes. Most popular accessory: Dark-rimmed glasses.

Faith & Whiskey: You're most likely to spot someone you went to DePaul with among the wall-to-wall dude crews and primped ladies here. Most popular ensemble: The zip-up sweater and collared shirt combo.

Advantage: The Whistler. Unless you've seen Axl Rose at Faith & Whiskey, then we'll gladly adjust the score.

Nightlife cred

The Whistler: Though this is their first bar, owners Robert Brenner and Billy Helmkamp run an indie record label also called The Whistler, which puts out 7-inch vinyl for punky a cappella group The Blue Ribbon Glee Club and others.

Faith & Whiskey: Though owner Hunter Cannon's music background is limited to building the bar's playlists, he ran the space's previous concept, Ta'Too, and is a partner at West Loop nightclub Bon V.

Advantage: Tie. The Whistler guys pull ahead in the music department, but Cannon has more nightlife experience.

On the walls

The Whistler: Artsy posters for upcoming performances, a rotating site-specific art display in the front window and a funky photo mural assembled from more than a dozen frames.

Faith & Whiskey: Guitars and flat-screen TVs mounted inside gilded frames, a massive tattoo-style mural bearing the bar's name and two big ol' motorcycles perched above the bathrooms.

Advantage: Faith & Whiskey. We gotta give this place props for setting itself apart from Lincoln Park's glut of generic neighborhood bars with in-your-face decor.

Whiskey standout

The Whistler: The pleasantly sweet, slightly spicy Royal County Down cocktail ($8) made with Jameson, Domaine de Canton ginger liqueur and Angostura bitters.

Faith & Whiskey: The Backstage Pass ($8), a fruity mix of Maker's Mark, peach and mango vodkas and pineapple juice.

Advantage: The Whistler. We're still thinking about this perfectly balanced, smooth-sipping drink.

The winner

While Faith & Whiskey is filled with things that are iconically cool, The Whistler has cool running through its veins.

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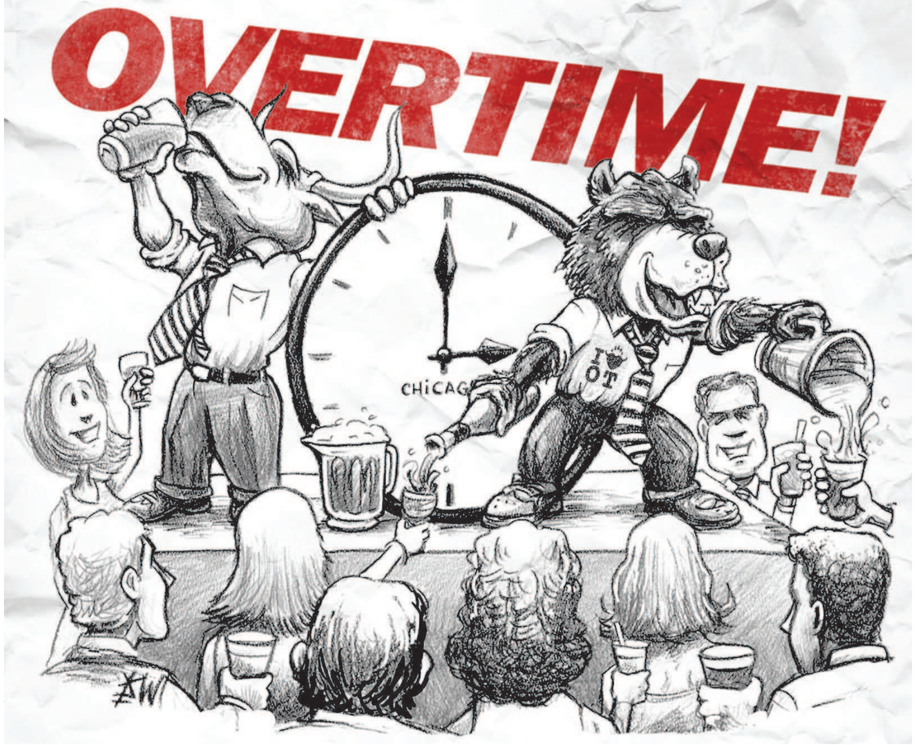

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TUESDAY DEAL

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Vending machines and fast food joints are the typical centers of exchange between your crumpled dollar and lunch. Not so in February, as Berghoff bails out depressed diners with **$1 corned beef sandwiches** at the bar Mondays through Thursdays. Just purchase a drink to take advantage of the deal, such as a pint of Berghoff Lager ($4.25). 3-5 p.m.

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Slackers, unite

Maeve, 1325 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-388-3333.

The dilemma: Shop for a Valentine's Day gift or schlep yourself to the bar? The solution: Do both at **Be Dazzled!** The shopping party features jewelry from Objects d'Envy and lingerie from Evlove Intimates, plus $5 martinis, tarot card readings and—for couples—"secret transactions" to keep a bit of mystery in the big reveal of the final purchase. 6 p.m. No cover.

Shorts shrift

Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-6604.

It happens every year: Our Academy Awards study habits (i.e. going to the movies) leave us with a good understanding of the feature films but, well, short on shorts. Don't be caught unawares in '09. See the entire lineup of **Oscar-nominated shorts** in a live-action program (99 minutes) and an animated program (95 minutes) at the Music Box, currently screening both in rotation. Tuesday show times: 5:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (animated); 7:25 p.m. (live action). $9.25.

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Cougar love

Xippo, 3759 N. Damen Ave.

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Twist and shout

Greenheart, 746 N. La Salle Drive. 312-264-1625.

Worried about finding the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your honey? Clear your mind—and your to-do list—at the **Chocolate and Yoga Valentine's Progressive**. Kick things off at 7 p.m. with a chocolate truffle-making demonstration with wine and snacks while you browse fair trade gifts at Greenheart. A 90-minute yoga class for all levels takes place next door at **Yoga Now Gold Coast** (742 N. LaSalle Drive) at 7:30 p.m. Free; first-come, first-served.

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9 p.m. $7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. **mpshows.com**

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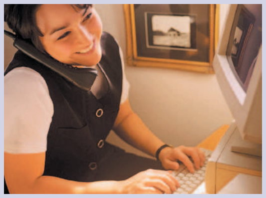

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Reports: Rihanna alleged victim

Reports surfaced that pop superstar Rihanna, Chris Brown's longtime girlfriend and a fellow no-show at the Grammy Awards, was the woman who accused him of assault.

The Los Angeles Times, citing law enforcement officials familiar with the case and other sources it did not name, reported that Rihanna, whose full name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty, was the woman who told police that Brown had hurt her the night before the Grammy Awards.

A police statement released Sunday afternoon said Brown and an unidentified woman began arguing while riding in a car following music mogul Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party, where they were spotted together Saturday night. (The two were photographed together in a rented Lamborghini.) The fight escalated when they got out of the car in the Hancock Park neighborhood, the report said, and Brown was gone by the time officers arrived.

The report indicated that the woman was injured, but Brown was booked only on suspicion of making a criminal threat, a felony, after walking into a police station Sunday night. Authorities said the district attorney could choose to expand the charges.

Brown was released after posting $50,000 bail. **AP**

Cover story

GOOD GUY GONE BAD?

Pop's golden couple now surrounded by controversy after Brown's arrest

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES At this point, Chris Brown would have been better off getting caught with a bong.

At least then, the scandal enveloping his white-hot career could have been dismissed by some as a youthful indiscretion.

But Brown's arrest in connection with an alleged assault of a woman has potentially devastating implications for the 19-year-old heartthrob because it unravels the charming, wholesome image that fans know and love.

"If it's true, his career is probably over," said Billboard magazine's editorial director, Bill Werde, although he cautioned that "it's important to withhold judgment until all of the facts are known."

On a night in which Brown was supposed to deliver a prime-time Grammy performance, he was instead being processed in an L.A. police station on a charge connected to an alleged assault on a woman reports have identified as Rihanna, his 20-year-old pop princess girlfriend. Brown was booked on a suspicion of making a criminal threat after an argument that escalated into a fight in a ritzy neighborhood of L.A., according to police. Rihanna and Brown pulled out of the Grammys hours before the Sunday telecast—so suddenly that a taped promo right before the show still touted them as performers.

Neither Brown nor his representatives have made statements about the case, and the only comment Rihanna's publicist has made was to say the statuesque star was doing "well."

Already there was immediate fallout from Brown's arrest, with Wrigley stopping all ad and marketing campaigns tied to Brown, who had been their Doublemint gum pitchman.

Nor will the R&B star make a scheduled appearance at the NBA All-Star Game festivities this weekend in Phoenix, a league spokeswoman confirmed to E! News.

Brown rose to fame as a sweet-faced, 16-year-old with an engaging voice and amazing dance skills with the 2005 smash hit "Run It!" Since then, his popularity has mushroomed; he's been featured in "Stomp the Yard," had top-selling tours and a string of hits, including "Forever" and "No Air" with Jordin Sparks, for which he was nominated for a Grammy on Sunday.

He was named Billboard's top artist for 2008 and won three American Music Awards last fall, including artist of the year.

Rihanna's star is just as bright. The pop singer had one of 2007's most popular songs with "Umbrella" and the string of hits has not stopped: She has a Top 10 Billboard pop hit right now with "Live Your Life" with T.I., and a few others still on the charts.

Her stunning looks have made the Barbados native a cover girl for magazines, as well as a pitchwoman for Cover Girl cosmetics.

The pair started dating about a year ago, and while they never officially confirmed their romance, they were often spotted together, cuddling or holding hands.

Tracey Ford, the editor of AOL Music's hip-hop/R&B site, **theboombox.com**, said fans are shocked over the allegations, adding that Brown's career has been centered on his "squeaky clean image."

"I don't think anyone saw this coming."

Perhaps the most recent pop star to face a legal crisis was Brown's record-label mate, R. Kelly, who was charged, and later acquitted, of child-pornography charges. He continued a multiplatinum career even as the legal saga dragged through the courts for years.

But Kelly never had a wholesome image.

Brown, on the other hand, has been pitched at a teen idol who, while having considerable sex appeal, is still ultimately safe. He's recently been nominated for Nickelodeon's Kids Choice Awards and last December was the headliner at a concert thrown by New York radio station Z100. Geared mainly toward squealing teens, he drew ear-piercing shrieks as he closed out the concert, a gig that featured a cameo appearance by Rihanna.

Ford said it was "it's really too early to tell at this point" what will happen with his career.

"He certainly missed an opportunity last night at the Grammys to take his career to the next level," she said. "I'm not sure whether or not it's going to completely hurt him yet."

Brown was near the end of promoting his platinum-selling "Exclusive" CD and was concentrating on filming movies.

As for Rihanna, she will likely emerge from the incident with more fans, Ford said.

ADS ON HOLD

Wrigley says it's suspending ad campaigns featuring Chris Brown as its spokesman for Doublemint gum. The company stopped short of saying they will drop the troubled R&B star completely.

A company statement expresses concern about what it calls "serious allegations made against Chris Brown." Wrigley said it would suspend any current advertising or any related marketing until the situation is resolved, adding that the 19-year-old should be "afforded the same due process as any citizen."

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Brown
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Recovery mode

Although Chris Brown hasn't been found guilty of anything, his superstar image already has been tarnished over allegations of abuse. As he no doubt will learn, cleaning up a tarnished image can be a tough task. RedEye takes a look at other stars who've gone through the wringer in the arena of public opinion—and whether they emerged unscathed.

FULL RECOVERY

R. Kelly

The singer's years-long legal battle against child pornography charges never seemed to dampen his popularity or affect his music. Now that he has been acquitted of those charges he can operate that much more freely.

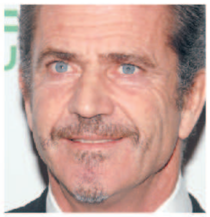
Lindsay Lohan

Her arrests and subsequent trips to rehab made headlines around the world, but the starlet is more likely to be chastised for starring in big-screen clunkers ("I Know Who Killed Me," anyone?). A big comedy project, "Labor Pains," looms in 2009.

DAMAGED GOODS

Michael Phelps

The record-setting Olympian was labeled a "dope" in the tabloids after a picture surfaced of him smoking a bong. Though he's back in the pool training, he since was suspended by USA Swimming for three months and lost valuable endorsement deals.



Mel Gibson

While "The Passion of the Christ" director didn't completely disappear after his shocking anti-Semitic rant, he hasn't gotten the movie offers he once commanded—and certainly hasn't had the same public profile.

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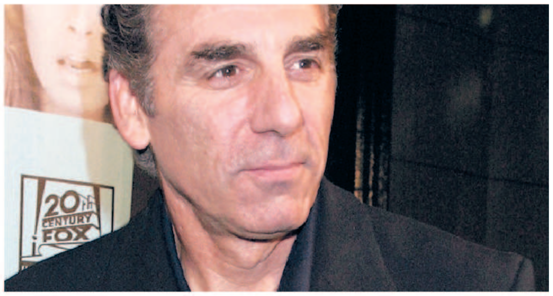

Michael Richards

True, the "Seinfeld" funnyman wasn't up to much professionally at the time his hateful language was caught on video, but he's been up to even less since.

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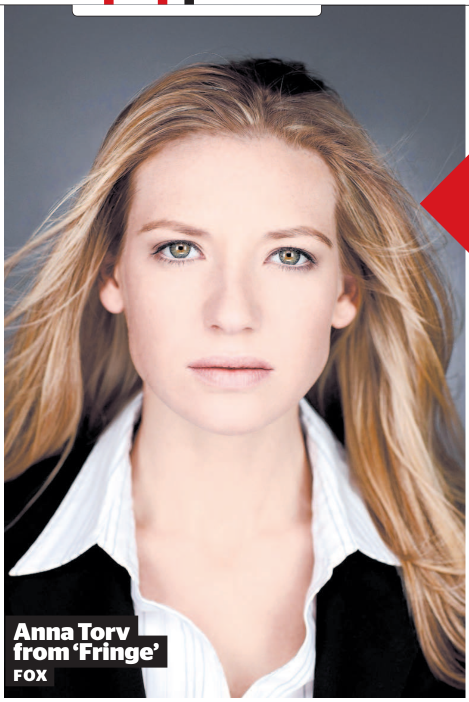

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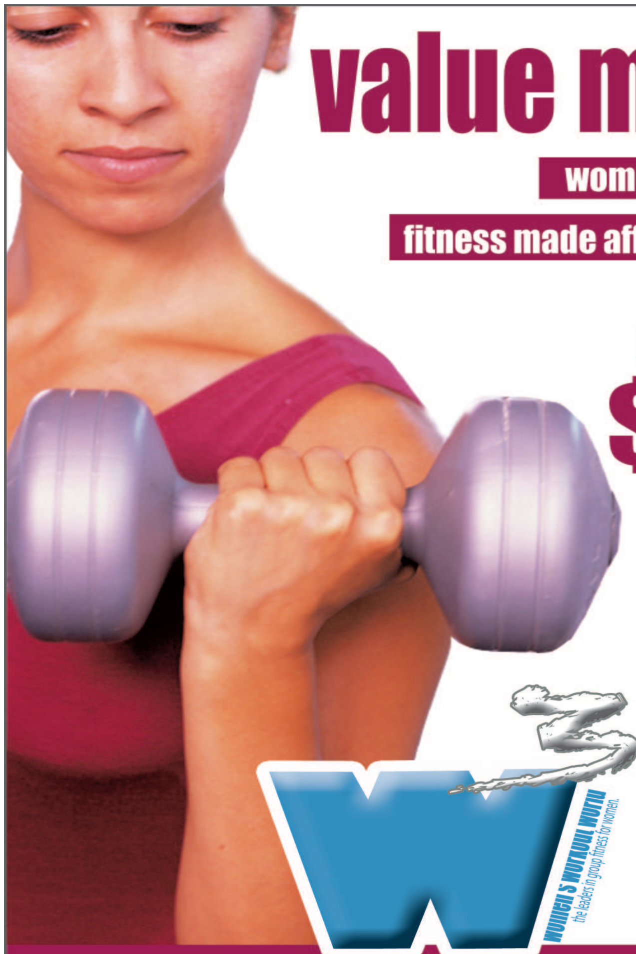

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BY TRACY SWARTZ

So you think they can dance?

The "Dancing" card is full. "Dancing with the Stars" this week announced the lineup for its eighth season, which premieres March 9. RedEye breaks down this motley crew of dancers.

Belinda Carlisle

Singer

Known for: Co-founding the original Go-Go's and singing "Heaven is a Place on Earth."
Her chances: Carlisle has proven she has staying power (witness: every middle-school dance playlist), but at 50, she could be "In Too Deep."

David Alan Grier

Actor and comedian

Known for: "In Living Color" and "Chocolate News" on Comedy Central.
His chances: Grier may have a leg up on the competition: He's starring as "Sugar Bear" in the upcoming Wayans comedy "Dance Flick," which parodies traditional dance films. But when the spotlight's on him, will Grier fall flat on his face?

Jewel

Singer-songwriter and poet

Known for: "Pieces of You" and selling Schick Intuition razors through the power of song.
Her chances: Jewel is competing against husband Ty Murray. Could she sell out her marriage like she sold her soul for commercial jingles? Sellout.

Shawn Johnson

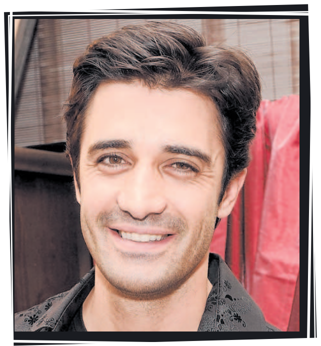
2008 Olympic gold medal-winning gymnast

Known for: Toe-on full pirouettes, double twisting double layout dismounts.
Her chances: At 17, Johnson is the youngest competitor in "Dance" history, but clearly she's got the moves. Her partner may want to watch out, though. Johnson's floor exercise typically includes a punch front.

Lil' Kim

Rapper-songwriter and perjurer

Known for: Being the first solo female rapper to have a No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hit.
Her chances: No lie—Lil' Kim's not known for choreography, but she's not shy about working her body. Or is it that she's not shy about having her body work for her?



Gilles Marini

Actor

Known for: Who? Marini is best known as Samantha's sex-crazed neighbor Dante in "Sex and the City: The Movie."
His chances: Marini clearly can work a girl (or two) when the clothes are off, but he's not used to the spotlight.

Ty Murray

Former rodeo cowboy, co-founder of the PBR (Professional Bull Riders, not the beer)

Known for: Being Mr. Jewel and starring in the Miller Lite "Man Laws" commercials.
His chances: Depends. What is the Man Law governing tight, neon pants and dancing the Macarena?

Nancy O'Dell

Co-host of "Access Hollywood" and "journalist"

Known for: Interviewing celebs and co-hosting Miss USA pageants.
Her chances: Depends on her partner, since O'Dell is not one to run the show herself.

Denise Richards

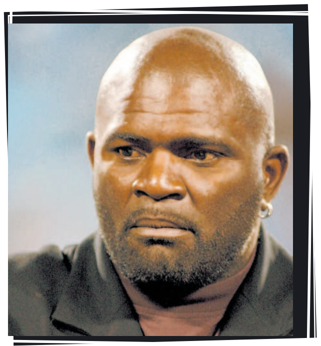
Actress and reality TV star

Known for: Her rocky marriage to Charlie Sheen and the girl-on-girl action in "Wild Things."
Her chances: Not good, unless lap dancing is one of the approved dancing styles.

Steve-O

Stuntman, rapper, professional jackass

Known for: Being a jackass on "Jackass."
His chances: Can rhythm be found in disorderly conduct?



Lawrence Taylor

Retired linebacker for the New York Giants

Known for: Being one of football's greatest players, failing drug tests.
His chances: Taylor once admitted he sent prostitutes to opponents' hotel rooms the night before a big game. Ruh-roh, Ty Murray. Ruh. Roh.

Steve Wozniak

Founded Apple with Steve Jobs

Known for: Bettering your life through machinery and having more money than you.
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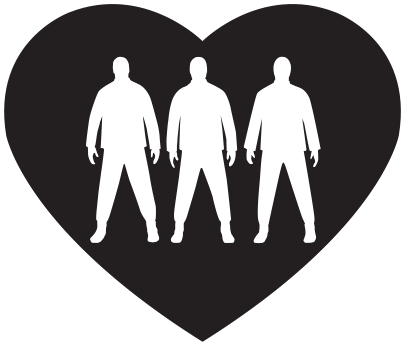

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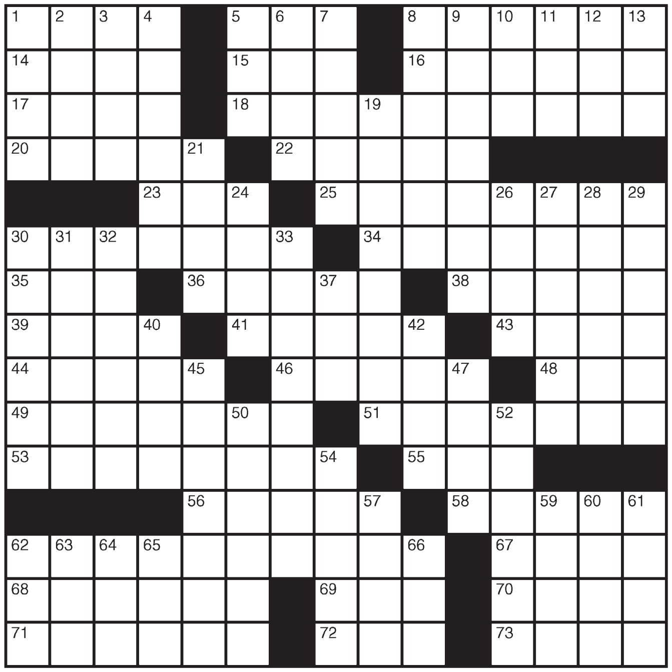

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Who is Estelle's 'American Boy'?

These days, Estelle has it all—a Grammy and love with a real "American Boy." Who is he? "I'm not telling you who is," the British singer said when asked at Sunday's Grammys, "Access Hollywood" reported. She did, however, reveal the inspiration behind the hit song. "I was in the studio in Miami two years ago, Super Bowl weekend and there were lots of pretty American men in the studio," she said, according to Access Hollywood.

THE VELVET ROPE

Going super bad

Michael Cera loves trash talking—and apparently making fun of Christian Bale. The "Arrested Development" star was featured in a YouTube clip on the set of his new movie "Youth in Revolt" trash talking his "amateur" co-workers in an obvious mocking of Bale's recent outburst. "Youth in Revolt" is set to come out in the fall.

Usher's wife, post-op

One Grammy mystery solved: A representative for Usher says the singer's wife, Tameka Raymond, is recovering from surgery in Brazil. Publicist Simone Smalls says Raymond "is in stable condition after suffering complications from routine surgery in Brazil."

America's got Cannon

Nick Cannon has been named the new host of "America's Got Talent," NBC announced in a press release Monday. Cannon, a.k.a Mr. Mariah Carey, takes over for Jerry Springer, who has hosted the variety talent show for the past two years. Auditions will be held in Chicago on March 1 and 2.

Vampire alert

Twilighters, rejoice! The CW has picked up a pilot based on L.J. Smith's "Vampire Diaries" series of books, Variety reports. The series revolves around a girl who's torn between vampire brothers. The brothers—one good, one evil—are battling for her soul, and the souls of the small town where they live.

THE DIGIT

19.1 million

That's how many people tuned into the Grammys on Sunday—about 2 million more viewers than for last year's show, according to The Associated Press.

» See pages 20-21 for the story on Chris Brown and Rihanna's Grammy controversy.

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Tuned in?

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